



LOWER MOYAMENSING CIVIC ASSOCIATION

DRAFT - Lower Moyamensing Civic Association Board Meeting Minutes

9.9.2018

7pm

2209 S. Clarion St.

Attendees: Chris DiBiase, Albert Girard, Fran LaRosa, Christian Matozzo, Chris Nevin, Barbara Shontz, Patti Tahan, Rebecca Wanner

Taking Minutes: Rebecca Wanner

Agenda Review + Logistics

- **Rebecca** will send out a google calendar invite to board list for upcoming meetings.
- The committee report form is [here](#). Suggestions for revising the form are welcome. We are looking for committee chairs to regularly submit the form to streamline committee reports to board and to track volunteer hours
 - **Committee chairs will complete the form monthly/bimonthly**
 - Rebecca will input board meetings through form to track those hours.

Flea Market

- 38/65 spaces reserved as of 9/9, price rising to \$35
- 1 musician is booked, looking for more
 - Other artists can also be invited to share their work. We are not paying musicians/artists this flea market, but offering them space and promotion.
- **The task sign up sheet is [here](#)**. There are a few spaces that still need to be filled.
- **Patti** will reach out to Streets Dept and SEPTA to request cleaning in advance of the event.
- All board members are asked to share flyers on social media and post in the neighborhood.
- Al confirmed that permits and insurance are taken care of, including permits for Jackson and Snyder Streets. He will put up no parking signs in advance of flea market.

Committee Reports

- **Finance**
 - We have \$11,415 in primary bank account, \$663 in secondary account that was traditionally used to separate grant funds.
 - Agreed to keep enough in secondary account to maintain it without fees for future grant needs.
 - Need to keep expenses separated by committee on spreadsheet.
 - **Committee budgets are due November 15**
 - **Patti** will send out a template in advance
- **Outreach**



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- Last happy hour had a festive turnout with regulars and a few new attendees.
- Happy hours will continue
 - Discussed possibility of doing a happy hour outside the bounds of LoMo
 - **Chris D.** is planning
 - Opens new venue possibilities and opportunities to promote LoMo
 - Could be an opportunity to do cross civic promotions
 - Important to coordinate with civic that covers location
- Outreach has been doing a lot of cross-promotion with Library to publicize library events.
- Currently have 600+ on email list, 50+ paid members
 - Outreach should aim to increase membership and active participation of neighbors
 - Possibility of doing a direct mailing was raised.
- Website updates are in progress
- **Education**
 - Meetings are set for Fumo library, 6:30pm on the third Monday of each month. Next meeting 9/17
 - Tabling at back-to-school nights
 - **Rebecca** to contact Al and Chris D. for contacts with Jenks.
 - Mural is going up at Southern. Also in talks with Mural Arts Southeast by Southeast about possibilities for mural at Key.
- **Environment**
 - Gas station garden is officially over. Owner has been unresponsive.
 - Southern garden
 - There are new people weekly joining gardening. Up to 18-19 regulars, many with kids.
 - Phila Orchard Project will help with putting up a trellis and arbor in the spring.
 - Put in work order with school district for garden fence gate
 - Ordered clean up after pet signs, planning to order more
 - Will give out some trash grabbers at the flea market
- **Zoning**
 - Recent requests have mostly been to legalize multiple family residences, including a 6 unit building around 11th and Wolf that was zoned for 5 unites. 740-742 Snyder didn't show up to meeting.
 - Also had an older addition that did not meet code but needed to be repaired.
 - Nothing yet on the schedule for next month.

Cross Civic Efforts around Broad & Snyder

- EPX, EPABID, PARC, LoMo are involved
 - Recently removed planters that were falling apart



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- Al attended meeting with Verizon, Project Home, Councilman Squilla and others.
 - Project Home has been doing regular visits and bringing some people into shelter
 - Project Home and Office of Homeless Services have flyers and handouts that can be printed and distributed
 - Verizon has committed to improving lighting around their facility.
- Broad Street is a designated commercial corridor, so there is funding available to help with business improvements, but the area near Snyder has been losing businesses
- There are monthly Overdose/Narcan trainings happening at the South Philly library branch. Trainings at Fumo are also in the works.
 - Prevention Point has been coming out to the area.
 - Patti has contact information for another group that will come out as needed to do trainings around overdose and addiction.
- Block Watch meeting *tentatively* scheduled for 10/16 at Epiphany.
 - Led by Carmetta Dickerson from Town Watch Integrated Services
 - Meeting will run ~1 hour. **Christian** offered to run the sign-in table.
 - Plan something more positively-oriented than a traditional town watch. Looking to engage neighbors and work together.
 - Encourage people to report quality of life issues to 311 as well.
 - **Al recommended that everyone contact daniel.ramos@phila.gov and ask to have their 311 account connected to LoMo.** That allows him to track and follow up on requests.

Holiday Party

- **Al, Barb, and Chris D.** are working on planning
- Haven't been able to confirm OLOH for location
 - Post-meeting update: Al contacted City Church on 13th street, which is a strong possibility
 - Bowling is another option
- Patti raised the idea of also doing something for the Fire Station

Tree Chipping

- **Chris N.** raised the idea of sponsoring a Christmas tree mulching event at Southern. Will look into details.

General Meeting

- Next meeting is 9/26, 6:30p at Fumo Library
 - Dr. Tony Evangelista will talk about his book on SPHS history
 - Councilman Squilla will speak about assessment/property tax issues
 - We will encourage folks to submit questions prior to the meeting. Can share this google form link: <https://goo.gl/forms/4Yrll5FCaieR1ESg2>



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- Contact Rebecca with any edits or changes for the form
- AI advocated for a return to monthly general meetings in order to:
 - share important information in a timely manner (e.g. property tax changes)
 - keeping the meetings in a consistent location
 - Advertising the meetings more
 - Social media
 - Email blast for meeting reminders 1-2 weeks before
 - Happy Hours could continue every other month

Announcements

- LoMo tree tenders will partner with EPX on November tree planting. AI will put out a request for volunteers.

Next Board Meeting: November 11, 7pm